

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph

[0001] The present application a continuation of International ~~claims priority under 35 USC §§ 119 and 365 to commonly owned and assigned~~ Application No. PCT/EP02/00596 filed January 22, 2002, entitled *Mechanism with Load Sensor for Operating a Brake*, which is incorporated herein by reference and which claims the benefit of German Application No. 10102685.4, filed January 22, 2001,

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] The ~~Said~~ actuator of the present invention changes its position in direction of its longitudinal axis dependent on the mechanical load of the at least one brake cable.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] In the above-described preferred embodiment of the present invention, one brake cable 60 and the respective brake is operated by means of the operating mechanism 1. Fig. 5 shows a further preferred embodiment of the operating mechanism 1 which is used for the operation of two brake cables ~~60~~ 70 at the same time. To this end, a coupling mechanism 80 being similar to the nut 35 is guided on the spindle 34. The coupling mechanism 80 comprises a nut with an arc-shaped outer surface on which a moveably

sleuable lever 84 is mounted. The nut with arc-shaped outer surface comprises an inner thread being complementary shaped to the thread of the spindle 34. In the same distance from the center of the nut with arc-shaped outer surface, mounting facilities are arranged on both ends of the lever 84 on which a brake cable 60 is mounted, respectively. If the brake cables 60 are of different lengths or if they develop a different length because of a different strain behavior, the lever 84 slews so that the mechanical loads generated by the operating mechanism 1 are uniformly distributed on the brake cables 60 and the respective brakes in spite of the present differences in length of the brake cables 60. According to a further embodiment, it is also possible to movably mount the lever 84 in a different way on said above described nut 35 and, thus, a simpler shape of said nut 35 can be used. Based on this inventive arrangement, it is possible to use the operating mechanism 1 for the simultaneous operation of two brake cables 60 and the corresponding brakes. In this context, it is also conceivable to configure the coupling mechanism 80 capable to operate four brake cables. Additionally, a compact arrangement is provided which as a whole can be installed in the housing 20 and which is thus protected from outer influences.

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

[0050] The Said spindle 134 and a nut 135 preferably form the actuator 130. The actuator 130 is featured in that it varies its length dependent on the transmitted rotation. Said length variation is either realized by screwing said spindle 134 in said nut 135 or by screwing said spindle 134 out of said nut 135.